REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Original claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claim 10 has been cancelled. New dependent claims 13 and 14 have been added.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Claims 1-8 and 10-12 were rejected as anticipated by TAKAHASHI 5,142,192.

Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 9-10 were rejected as anticipated by HANAHARA 6,611,097.

The claims have been amended to recite features of the invention that are both novel and non-obvious over the prior art. For these reasons, the pending claims are thus believed to be patentable.

The following remarks explain the nature of the current amendments, where support can be found for these amendments in the originally-filed specification, and points out that these features are neither taught nor suggested by either of the two applied references.

The electroluminescence display of the invention displays a 3D stereoscopic image. In order to display a 3D stereoscopic image, it is important to set the distance between a first electroluminescence (EL) element disposed on the first (front) surface of a substrate and a second EL element disposed

on the second (rear) surface of the substrate. The distance between the first EL element and the second EL element is decided by the thickness of the substrate. Therefore, in order to set the appropriate distance between the first EL element and the second EL element, it is necessary to set the thickness of the substrate appropriately.

Amended claim 1 states that "the value obtained by multiplying "n" by "d", wherein "n" is the refraction index of the substrate and "d" is the thickness of the substrate, it not less than 5 mm." Hereinafter, this limitation is referred to as "the first limitation". By setting the thickness of the substrate according to the first limitation, the distance between the first EL element and the second EL element can be set appropriately, and therefore, a 3D stereoscopic image can be displayed.

Furthermore added claim 13 states that "the substrate is made of glass or transparent plastic, and the value obtained by multiplying said "n" by said "d" is approximately 7 mm." Hereinafter, this limitation is referred to as "the second limitation". By setting the thickness of the substrate according to the second limitation, the distance between the first EL element and the second EL element can be set more appropriately, and therefore, a 3D stereoscopic image can be accurately displayed.

Both of the first limitation and the second limitation are described in the original specification, page 11, lines 7-11.

In TAKAHASHI, there is no description related to the first limitation or the second limitation. Furthermore, in TAKAHASHI, there is no description related to a 3D stereoscopic image. Therefore, in TAKAHASHI, there is no suggestion related to the first limitation or the second limitation.

In HANAHARA, there is no description related to the first limitation or the second limitation. Furthermore, in HANAHARA, there is no description related to a 3D stereoscopic image. Therefore, in HANAHARA, there is no suggestion related to the first limitation or the second limitation.

As outlined above, the claims of the present invention have been amended to recite features neither taught nor suggested by the prior art. Indeed, as the prior art does not concern 3D stereoscopic images, there is no reason for the art to make these disclosures. Accordingly, the claims are believed to patentably recite the present invention.

Reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

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